

The Story of Ibrahim (AS): Mercy for His Father Azar, but Rejected by Allah

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Chapter 1: Intercession of Prophet Ibrahim (AS) for His Father Azar

The Encounter on the Day of Judgment:

It is narrated from Abu Hurairah (RA) that the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) said:

On the Day of Judgment, Prophet Ibrahim (AS) will meet his father Azar in such a state that Azar's face will be covered with darkness and dust.

Ibrahim Confronts Azar:

Prophet Ibrahim (AS):

“Did I not tell you not to disobey me?”

Azar:

“Today I will not disobey you.”

Ibrahim's Supplication to Allah:

Prophet Ibrahim (AS):

“O my Lord! Verily, You promised me that You would never disgrace me on the Day when all shall be resurrected. What greater disgrace could there be for me than that my own father is about to perish?”

Allah:

“I have forbidden Paradise to the disbelievers.”

Divine Instruction and Transformation:

Then Prophet Ibrahim (AS) will be told:

“Look beneath your feet.”

When he looks down, he will see Azar lying in the form of a scorpion, covered in blood. The angels will seize him by the legs and cast him into Hell.

Confirmation from Sahih al-Bukhari:

This event is reported in various places in Sahih al-Bukhari, in which the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) said that in the Plain of Gathering, Prophet Ibrahim (AS) will see his father Azar in such a condition that his face will be shrouded in darkness and dust due to severe torment and disgrace.

A Repeated Plea for Mercy:

Prophet Ibrahim (AS):

“Did I not tell you not to disobey me?”

Azar:

**“O Ibrahim! From now on I will not disobey you.
Whatever you command, I will obey. Just save me
from this torment today.”**

Renewed Supplication by Prophet Ibrahim (AS):

Prophet Ibrahim (AS):

“O Allah! Your promise is true, and You assured me that You would never disgrace me on the Day of Judgment. What greater disgrace could there be than that my own father is perishing?”

Final Divine Verdict:

Allah Almighty will accept this supplication of Prophet Ibrahim (AS), yet by His justice He will decree Paradise forbidden to the disbelievers.

Allah:

“Whoever associates partners with Allah, then Allah has forbidden Paradise for him, and his abode is the Fire. And wrongdoers will have no helpers.”

Consolation Through Justice:

Yet Allah will console His intimate friend by showing him divine mercy in a manner befitting His justice. Thus, Azar will be transformed into the likeness of a scorpion, drenched in blood. Then Allah will say:

Allah:

“O Ibrahim! What is beneath your feet?”

When Prophet Ibrahim (AS) looks down, he will see Azar in the form of a blood-stained scorpion, and the angels will seize him and cast him into Hell.

The Manifestation of Divine Justice:

Such is the manifestation of Allah's perfect justice and equity that even the intercession of a noble Prophet like Ibrahim (AS) is rejected. The divine decree remains firm: disbelief and shirk render one ineligible for Paradise, regardless of lineage or prophetic compassion.